

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. The move is one-sided and demonstrates how large companies suffocate journalism and democracy itself.

Sinclair stations use public airwaves free of charge, and is required by law to serve the public interest. But when corporations control the airwaves, the public gets more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what it needs for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.